1st March GENERAL NEWS.

The Earl of Essex is crazed at the delays, but whether more in body or mind is doubtful Things do not succeed as he would wish them but new difficulties arise daily about his commission as touching the time of his abode, his entertainment, the disposing of places and offices, upon which points and some others he is so little satisfied that many times he makes it a question whether he go or not

On Saturday last Sir William Woodhouse, accompanied with four hacksters, understanding that Sir Robert TDrury was to come from Tottenham towards London, waited for him in the way, and set upon him as he was coming out of his coach, wounding him in three or four places , and thinking they had dispatched him, left him for dead But it falls out better with him, for he is like to recover , his man that offered himself in his master's defence was slain outright in the place Upon the first alarm at Court there was commandment from the Council for a privy search to apprehend them, but within two hours it was countermanded

We are still fed with rumours of Don Sebastian that he is *ipstssimus,* and that the Venetians have sent ambassadors to the King of Spain to signify so much to him , and that there have been some great men executed of late in Portugal about this business

This new treatise of *Henry the Fourth* is the work of a young man of Cambridge, toward the Civil Law There hath been much descanting about it, why such a story should come out at this time, and many exceptions taken, especially to the Epistle, commandment is now made that it shall be cut out of the book

6th March. *A* DISCOURSE OF MARRIAGE AND WIVING

One R T hath done into English two discourses *Of Marriage and Wiving*^ the first by Hercules Tasso, the philosopher, declaiming against it *y* the second by that famous poet and orator Torquato Tasso answering the first and declaring that it is good to take a wife and that marriage is both honourable and necessary.

A verse upon wiving from the first